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AN *EX-MUTANTS UNIVERSE* TITLE

Ex-Mutants: Spawned by radioactive and biological weapons unleashed in World War Three, five carefully chosen mutants—Angela, Belushi, Erin, Lorelei, and Vikki—were transformed by Dr. Emmanuel Cugat back into genotypical humans.

Dubbed the Ex-Mutants, they became legends in their own time—until Doctor Cugat was driven insane. Trapping his creations in their original capsules, Cugat triggered a left-over Soviet warhead in an attempt to kill himself as well as the Ex-Mutants.

Unknown to Cugat, however, the warhead contained an experimental Dimensional Bomb, a device designed to tear the very fabric of reality around its target. The Ex-Mutants and Doctor Cugat were plunged into different realities: the Ex-Mutants to the pleasant land of Samora and Dr. Cugat to the hellish dimension of Acernarnia.

Our Story So Far: Caught in a dimensional backwash, the Ex-Mutants were thrown back in time last issue in time to see New Jersey destroyed by nuclear missiles.

Now back in the present, the Ex-Mutants along with Duff, Chaney, and an alien sorceror named Simak, have stumbled onto the demense of Baron Wasteland, a mutant with a highly developed sense of justice!

Announcements! This issue begins the Arcana Saga and introduces the nefarious Gnat!

Other titles in the Ex-Mutants/Shattered Earth Universe include *Wild Knights* and *New Humans*.

Also debuting in late November is *Shattered Earth*, the Ex-Mutants Universe Anthology featuring work by Jason Waltrip, Paul O'Connor, Ron Lim, Jim Balent, Tom Mason, Chris Ulm, Dan Panosian, Darren Goodhart, S.A. Bennett, Bill Spangler, Howard Simpson and John Waltrip.

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EEEE-YUCK! I SMELL LIKE... WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT I SMELL LIKE.

GOTTA FIND A BIRD-BATH.
BOING
BOING
BOING

GONNA WASH THAT DUNG RIGHT OUTTA MY HAIR... FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN.

THEN I'M GONNA DO THE CRIME OF THE CENTURY.
...GONNA RIP-OFF A SAMORAN FOLD POUCH!
BOUND
BOUND

BOING
BOING
BOING
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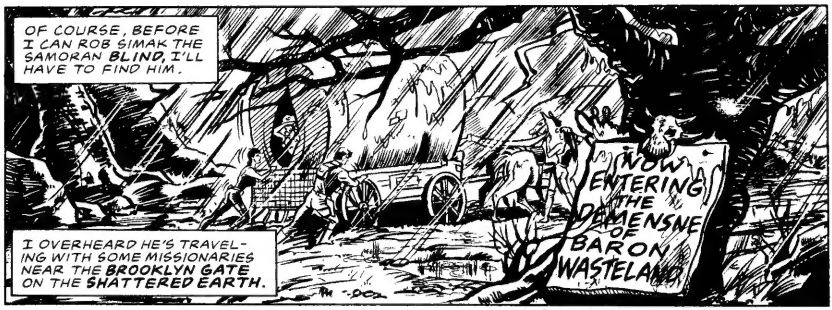

OF COURSE, BEFORE I CAN ROB SIMAK THE SAMORAN BLIND, I'LL HAVE TO FIND HIM.
I OVERHEARD HE'S TRAVELING WITH SOME MISSIONARIES NEAR THE BROOKLYN GATE ON THE SHATTERED EARTH.
NOW ENTERING THE DEMENSNE OF BARON WASTELAND

THAT'S IT, YOU TWO. PUSH! PUSH...
BUST

DON'T STOP NOW!
WE'VE GOT TO GET FREE OF THE MUD!

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER, PRINCESS?

SLOP

HONESTLY, ANGIE...
THE NAME IS ANGELA.
...IF YOU WANTED MY HELP, YOU SHOULD HAVE ASKED.
WHAT'S GOING ON BACK HERE?
NOTHING I DIDN'T LET HAPPEN.
I BET SHE PEES MILK, TOO.
YOU KNOW I'M NOT THE MUSCLE OF THIS TEAM.
SHOW OFF.
THE WAGON'S STUCK, AND THE RAIN HAS WASHED AWAY THE ROAD...WE'LL HAVE TO HOLE UP SOMEPLACE UNTIL THE WEATHER CLEARS. LET'S PACK OUR STUFF AND CONTINUE ON FOOT.

"--I THINK I SAW SOME LIGHTS UP AHEAD."

HELLO?

HALOO!
COMZ IN, COMZ IN... STANDZ BY ZEE FIRE!

ITZ A WET NIGHT TO BE OOT-SIDE.

GET A LOAD OF THIS JOINT.

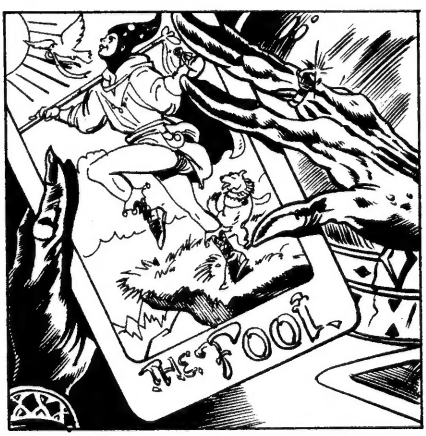
I HAVEN'T SEEN A PLACE LIKE THIS SINCE BEFORE THE WAR.
WE WERE LOOKY, AND ZEE BARON KEEPS ZEE PEACE.
BARON?

BARON WASTELAND. HE IS OUR LORD.
WE'D LIKE TO MEET HIM.
YOU WILL, BUT FURST YOU WILL REST.

I WILL DRAW A BATH FOR YOO.
DIBS ON THE BATH...

...LEADERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!
SIMAK-- HOW ARE WE GOING TO PAY FOR ALL THIS?

I WILL TRADE WITH HER.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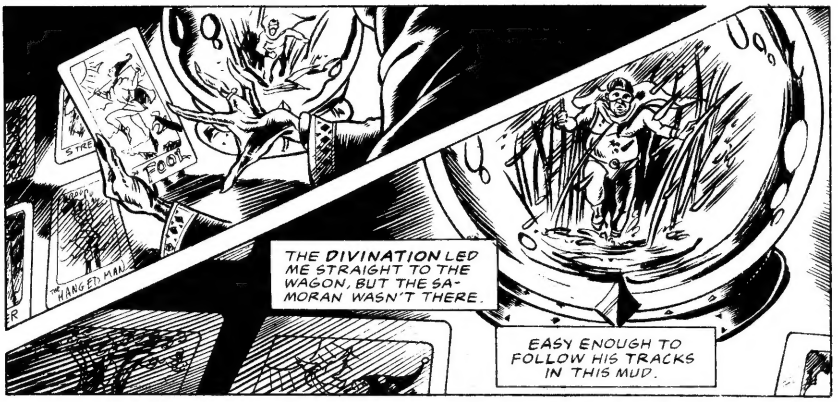
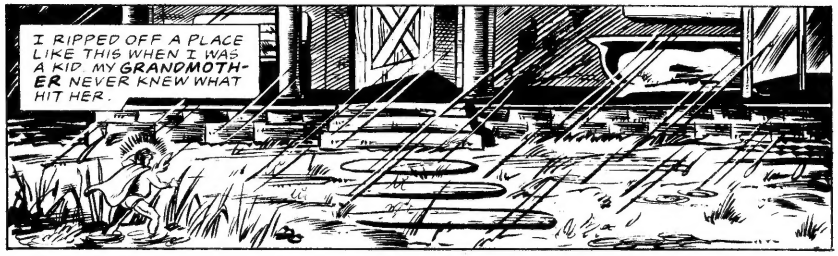

THE DIVINATION LED ME STRAIGHT TO THE WAGON, BUT THE SAMORAN WASN'T THERE.
EASY ENOUGH TO FOLLOW HIS TRACKS IN THIS MUD.
STRE
FOOL
THE HANGED MAN


I RIPPED OFF A PLACE LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS A KID. MY GRANDMOTHER NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HER.

GOOD FORTUNE IS MY BIRTHRIGHT! THEY'VE BREACHED THEIR DEFENSES.
I'LL RUSH UNNOTICED THROUGH THAT DOOR AND--

HEY, I'M IN NO HURRY.

PANT PANT
SLOBBER SLOBBER
OH BABY OH BABY!
FLIPPITY-FLIP
BOUND
BOUND
I'M IN LOVE!!
HEY TOOTS! MEET THE NEXT IMPORTANT MAN IN YOUR LIFE!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU?
I'M THE GNAT.
GONNA DO ME SOME SWIMMIN'!
HEY!
SPLASH!
BY THE PHOENIX!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
?
HE--
IT--
ACK!

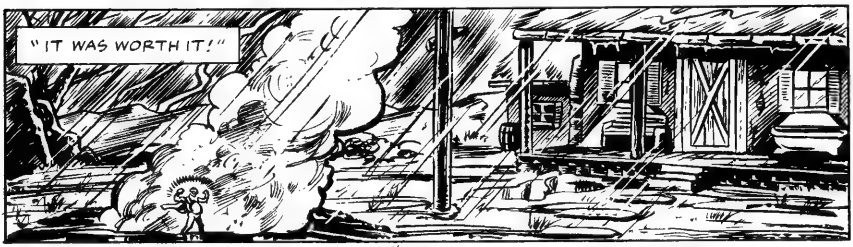
SPLASH
BOUNCE!
I'LL GET IT!
OOFF!
WILLYA LOOK AT THESE DOLLS? I HAVE DIED AND GONE TO HEAVEN!
WHOA! FATAL ATTRACTION!
WUMP
SWISH
CHOK
GEORGE, GEORGE, GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE...
BZZZZZ... I'M RELENT-LESS!
SMAK

YOWP!
LEMME OUTTA HERE!
WOOOOSHH
BA-WHOOM!

WELL, THAT'S THAT.

TOO BAD.
WHAT?
I THOUGHT HE WAS KINDA CUTE.

CUT ME SOME SLACK.


"IT WAS WORTH IT!"

Hanged Man
Devil
Wheel of Fortune
Strength
Temperance
Justice
AS I FEARED...

--I'M SURE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF HIM.

GO TO SLEEP, YOU INSOMNIACS! I GOT WORK TO DO!

GO ON, LITTLE IDIOT, AND PURSUE YOUR PETTY CRIME--

TOWER

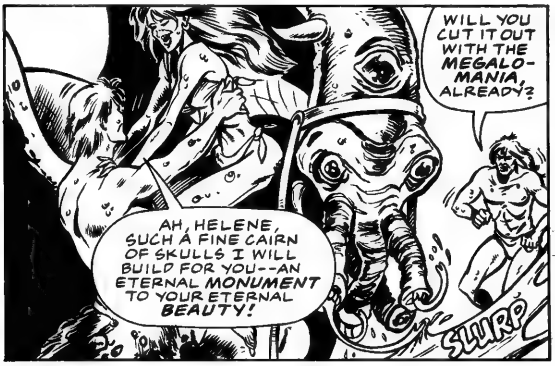
THE Hanged Man

"--WHILE I SEARCH FOR THE NEXT PUPPET IN MY SCHEME."
ONWARD, MY CHILDREN-- I SENSE THAT WE ARE NEAR OUR DESTINATION!
SKREEEE!
SKREEEE!

THUS BEGINS OUR DOMINATION OF ALL REALITY...

...AS I ASSUME COMMAND OF OUR PALACE--
--THE NECROPOLIS!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THE NAME OF THIS PLACE?
I DIDN'T. HELENE MY PET--I JUST MADE IT UP.
EVERYTHING NEEDS A NAME, AND MINE SEEMS TO FIT THE BILL...

...FOR IF MY NECROPOLIS IS NOT QUITE YET A "CITY OF THE DEAD", IT SHALL BE WHEN WE PILE HERE THE CORPSES OF OUR FALLEN RIVALS!

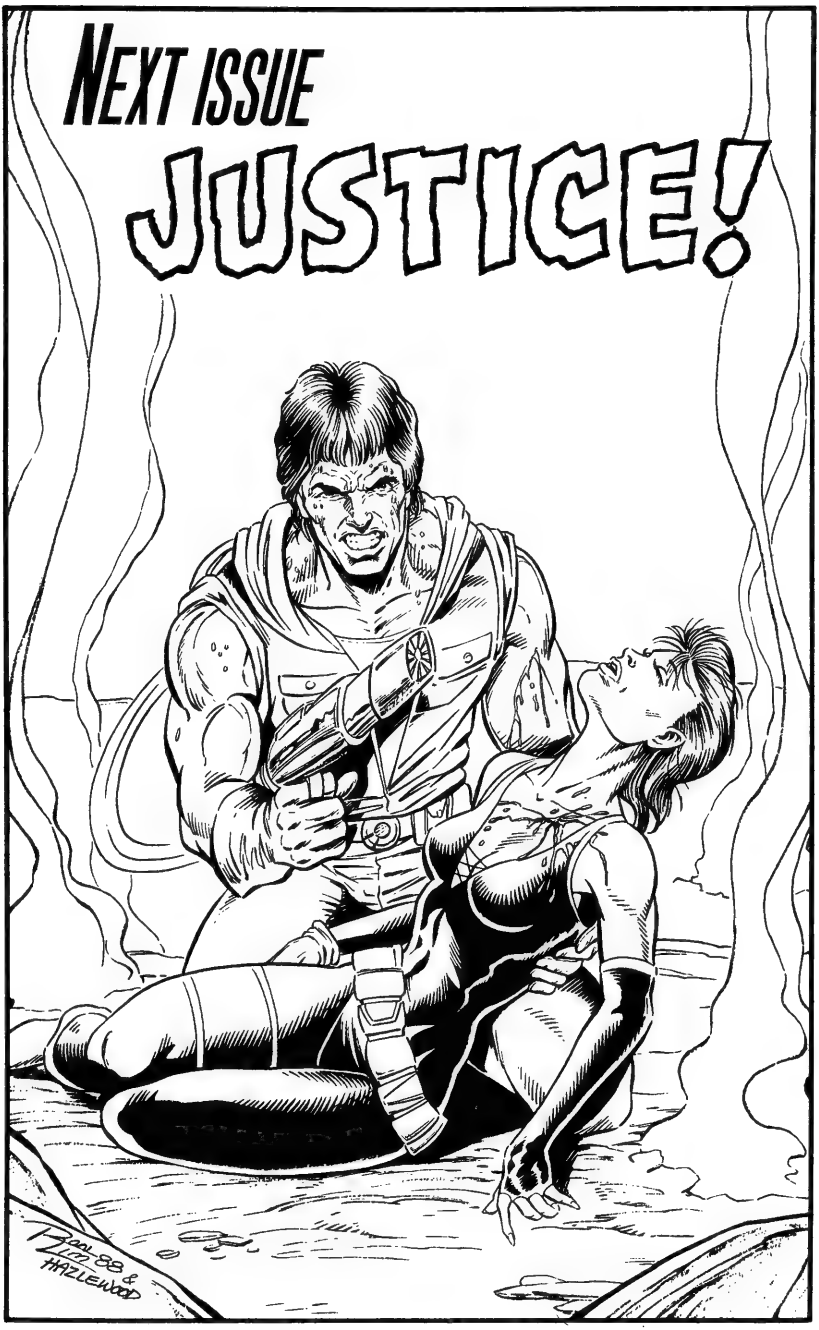

WILL YOU CUT IT OUT WITH THE MEGALO-MANIA, ALREADY?
AH, HELENE, SUCH A FINE CAIRN OF SKULLS I WILL BUILD FOR YOU--AN ETERNAL MONUMENT TO YOUR ETERNAL BEAUTY!
SLURP

MEGALO-MANIA...?
YOU'VE STRIPPED YOUR GEARS, CUGAT.
YOU RAVE ABOUT RIVALS WE WILL DEFEAT--WHO? WHERE?

AND THE WAY YOU RAVE ABOUT HELENE --GRANTED, SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL ONCE...
...BUT SHE'S DEAD, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
YOU PITIFUL LUNATIC, CAN'T YOU SHE SHE'S A ZOMBIE??!

DON'T--YOU--EVER--CALL--ME--A--LUNATIC!!!

INSOLENT PUP! IT WAS MY GENIUS THAT GAVE YOU LIFE...
...AND BY THE POWER OF MY THIRD EYE, I CAN RELIEVE YOU OF THE SAME!
I AM YOUR LORD AND MASTER! I AM YOUR GOD!
KNOW THE ECSTASY OF NIRVANA!
NO! NOOOOO...
AIIIEEEEEE!
GULP!
ANY QUESTIONS?
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? THE PLOT THICKENS NEXT ISSUE, IN--
JUSTICE!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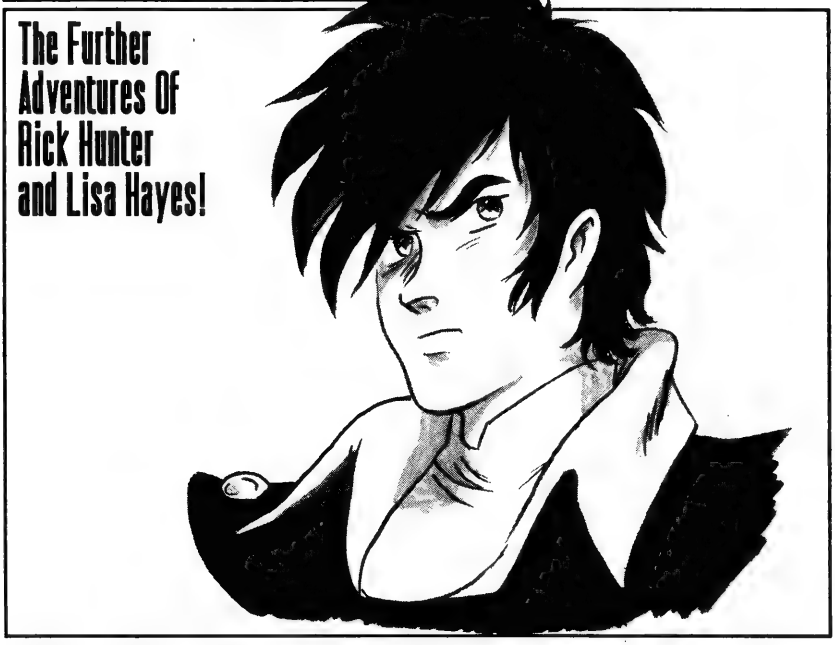

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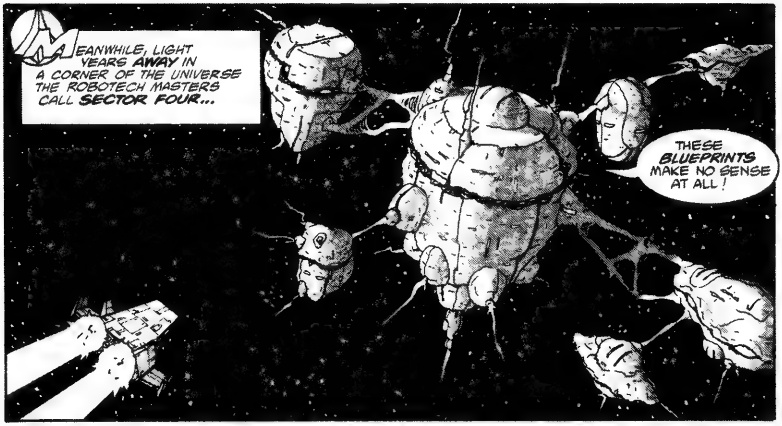

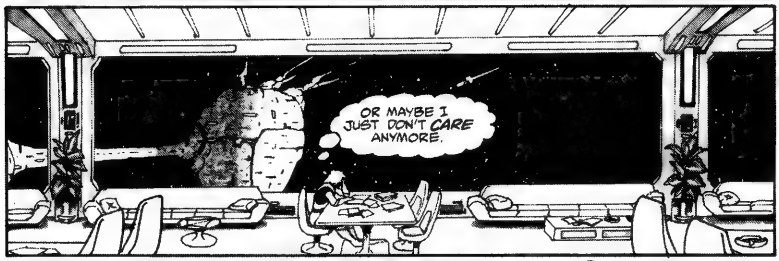

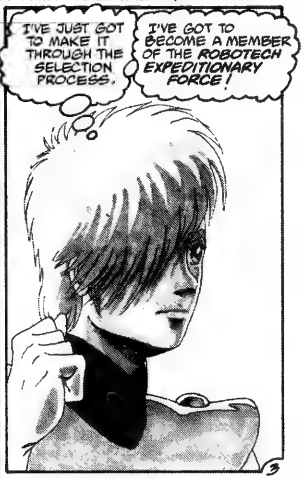

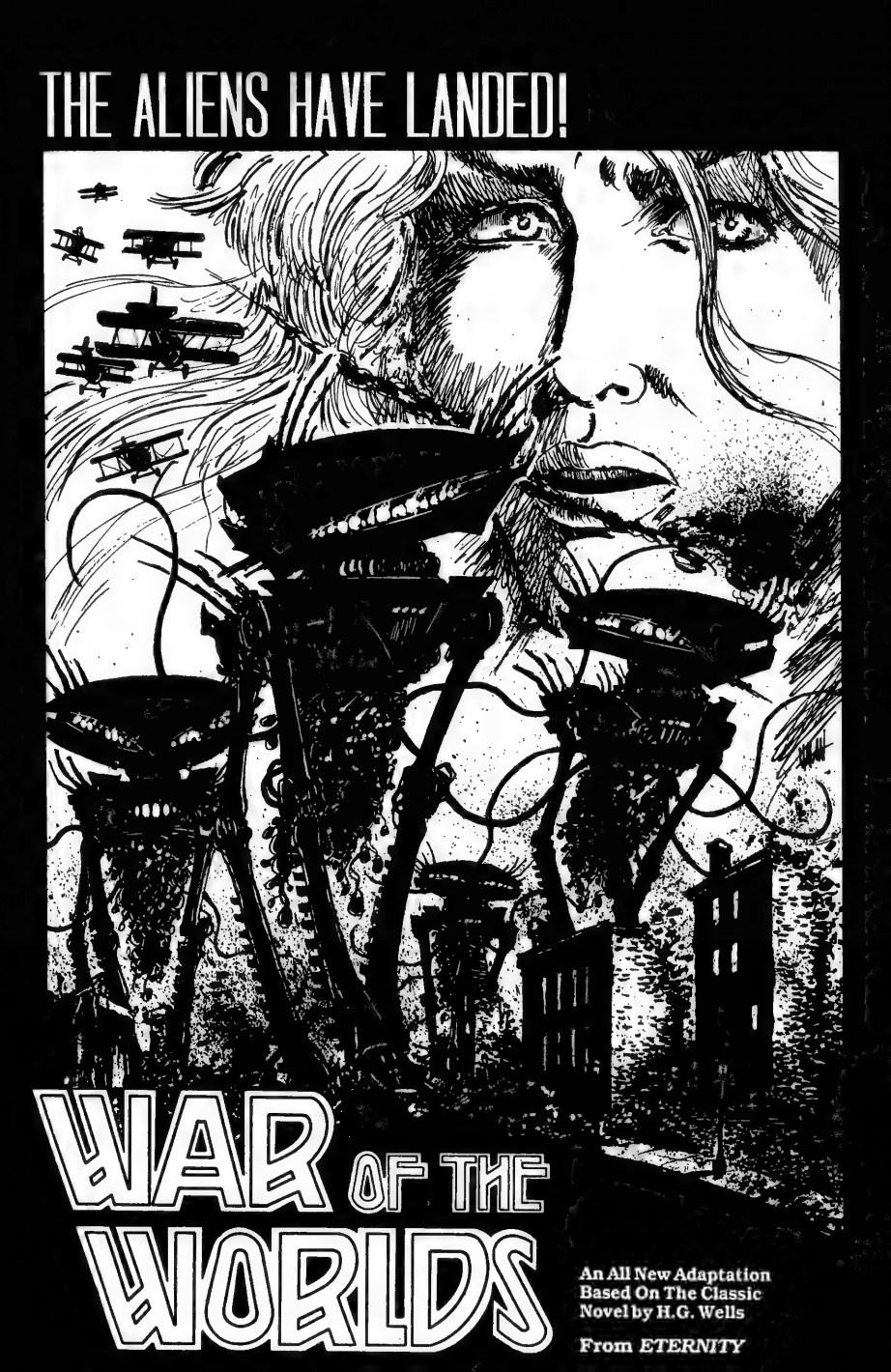
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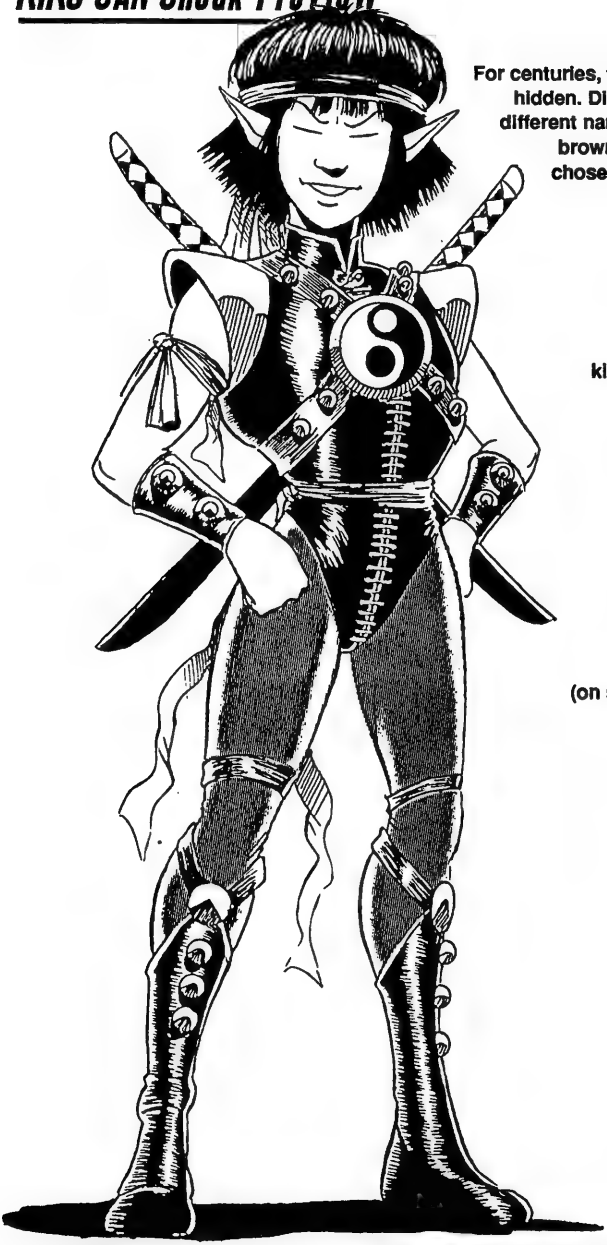

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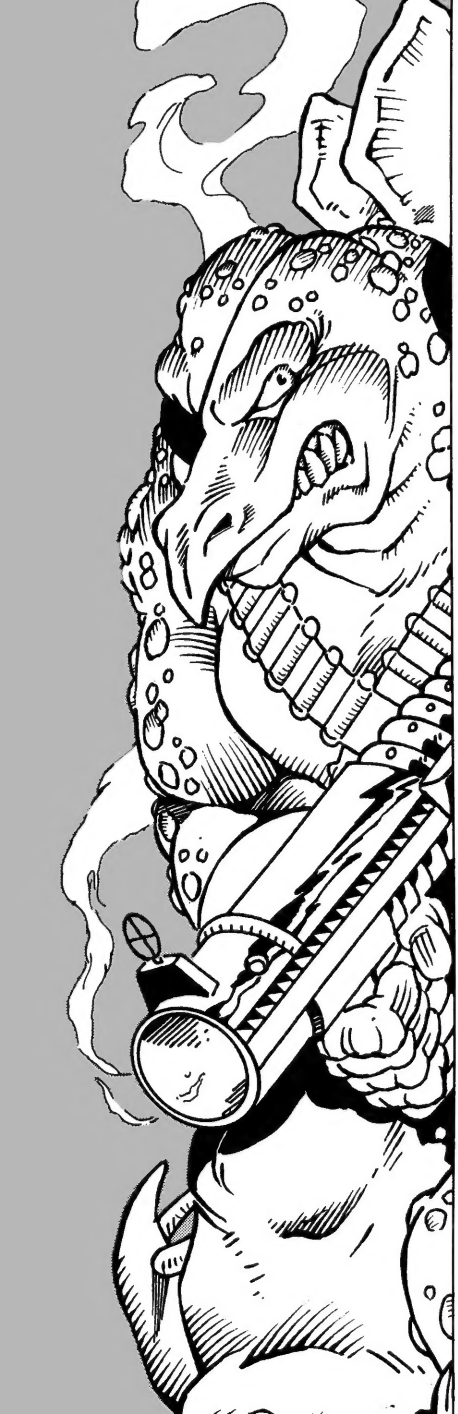

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